THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) Itemised 'details of subsidies by Central Government provided in 1986-87 (RE) and 1987-88 (BE) are given in Statement 4 of the document "Expenditure Budget, 1987-88, Vol.l" which was presented to Parliament on 28th February, 1987 along with the Budget for 1987-88

Central projects in U.P.

2077. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDW'AI: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMP. LEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Central projects completed in Utta,- Pradesh till June, 1987;

(b) what is the number of Central projects in Uttar Pradesh which are under execution at present or have not yet been started;

(c) by when such projects are likely to be completed, and

(d) the total amount spent so far on the completed projects and what is the excluding the railways|gas pipeline projects under execution or projects which have not yet been started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRr SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) According to the available information in respect of Central projects covere'd by the Quarterly Monitoring System of the Ministry, the number of projects completed and under implementation till June, 1987 from the commencement of 7th Plan (1-4-1985) are 4 and 22 respectively.

(c) Projects under implementation are now scheduled for completion by 1990 excepting two coal projects which are likely to be completed by December, 1994.

(d) The ,total amounts spent on the complete^ projects and the present 'day estimated cost of projects under implementation are of the order of Rs. 380 cores and ^s- 6650 ctv/res respectively, excluding the railways/gas piplines projects traversing through different States where the project cost is not amendable to allocation to different States.

Introduction of computers in Banks

2078. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there js confusion on the agreement between the In'dian Banks' Association and the Unions of the bank employees in introducing computers in the Banks;

(b) if so, what are the real problems; and

(c) by when the said agreement will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Indian Banks' Association has advised that the agreement is in the process of implementation by the banks

Gas Leakage in ME5 water pumping station Meerut

2079. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a woman had 'died and a number of persons were hospitalised following a chlorine gas leakage from the Military Engineering Service (MES) water pumping station in the cantonment area in Meeru? recently; and

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(b) if so, what are the details thereof, ig the outcome of the inqp'r,, mnducted by Government into t[1] of gas and the action taken <•

THE MINISTER OF DEPARTMENT OF I DUCTION AND S' MINISTRY OF DEFI RAJ PATIL): (a) an

woman died arid 67 persons were affected by leakage of chlorin(gas on 20-6-87. Out of these, 56 persons were sent back after first aid and six per ons were discharged from the hospital the same evening. The remaining persons w :re discharged from the hospital on 21-6-7. A Court of Inquiry has been instit ited to go into this incident. In the me. ntime(to avoid such incidents in future, a Standard Operative Procedure has been formulated and conveyed to all formatio is for thei r guidance.

New approach to Himalayas' Defence Po icv

2080. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIR-LA: Will the Minis* r of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govei nment have considered the question of ; new integrated approach to the Hima »y is' defence policy to deferfd country's security, in view of the changing military sit> a'ion in the Himalayas since the cighti. s, increasing defence collaboration betweer Pakistan and China, extending it to the nuclear field and increased threats to comtry's security on the Indo-China border: * id

(b) if so, what ai *t* the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT Ol DEFENCE PRO-DUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHTV-RAJ PATIL): (a) ; rid (b) The country's defence plans take i it0 account the security environment a"d 'he emerging threat.

In the interest of security it would not be desirable to disclose details.

Loss of revenue diw to delay in disposal of seized goods by customs authorities

2081. SHRI KRTSHNA KUMAR BIR-LA: Will the Minis er of FINANCE be please'd to state:

(a) what on an average is the estimated annual loss of revenue suffered by the Government becaus of delay in the disposal of goods seiz id/confiscated by the customs authorities; and

(b) whether Government have reviewed the existing procedure/mode of 'disposal of the seized/confiscated goods by the customs authorities particularly in the case of goods which are prone to rapid decay to avoid or to minimise the losses, if so, what steps are contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) The average annual loss suffered due to theft, damage and deterioration etc. for the last three ifinancial years was about Rs. 28 lakhs as against the total stock of seized goods of Rs. 260 crores as on 1-4-1986.

(b) The confiscated goods become ripe for disposal after completion of appeal, revision proceedings etc. . The procedure and mode °f disposal of seized/confiscated goods have been reviewed from time to time and instructions have been issued for expediting the disposal of seized/confiscated goods Modes [channels of disposal were increased in 1985. In 1984, goods were divided into four categories to expedite disposal of goods susceptible to deterioration or rapid obsolescence. In 1985, section 110 of the Customs Act, 1962, relating to seizures was amended to enable immediate disposal of seized goods specified by the Government by notification by filing an application before a magistrate.

Investment schemes for NRl

2082. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIR-LA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated annual re-mittance by the common rural and semi-urban NRTs like Masons Carpenter! Electricians, Nurses etc.

(b) what are the channels if any. provided by the Government for viable investments of their foreign exchange earrings on their return to the country to settle down in their villages|home towns; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above is in the negative, whether Government have